

## SENATE BILL No. 47

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### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 25-1-9-22.

**Synopsis:** Health care professional cultural training. Requires an individual seeking licensure in a health care profession to complete cultural competency training.

**Effective:** July 1, 2015.

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January 6, 2015, read first time and referred to Committee on Pensions & Labor.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning professions and occupations.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

- 1 SECTION 1. IC 25-1-9-22 IS ADDED TO THE INDIANA CODE  
2 AS A **NEW** SECTION TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE JULY  
3 1, 2015]: **Sec. 22. (a) As used in this section, "board" does not**  
4 **include the Indiana board of veterinary medical examiners**  
5 **(IC 25-38.1-2).**  
6 **(b) An individual who seeks a license issued by a board must**  
7 **first complete, before a license may be issued, cultural competency**  
8 **training that includes the following:**  
9 (1) Awareness of:  
10 (A) cultural differences;  
11 (B) the individual's beliefs and behaviors related to  
12 cultural differences; and  
13 (C) the effect of the individual's beliefs and behaviors  
14 described in clause (B) on patients and other persons.  
15 (2) Knowledge of:  
16 (A) various cultural groups with whom the individual is



- 1                   likely to work in the individual's profession; and  
2                   **(B) the effects of social and behavioral differences on the**  
3                   **health of members of the cultural groups.**  
4           **(3) Skills to modify the individual's behavior to:**  
5                   **(A) improve patient understanding of health needs; and**  
6                   **(B) accommodate cultural requirements;**  
7           **to foster patient compliance with wellness and treatment**  
8           **plans.**  
9           **(4) Ability to advocate for the patient in obtaining necessary**  
10           **support to achieve improvement in patient health.**  
11           **(c) This section applies to a new license issued after June 30,**  
12           **2015.**

